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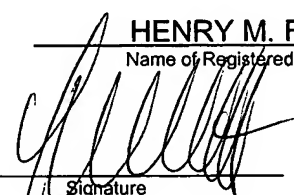
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: HELM

In re Application of:)
BERND HELM)
Appl. No.: 10/734,745)
Filed: December 12, 2003)
For: SLEEVE WITH IMPROVED ADHERING PROPERTIES, AND RADIAL BEARING INCLUDING SUCH A SLEEVE)

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to G) which were cited in the German Search Report issued by the German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 102 58 241.6. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE19511188C2	Wagner et al.	11-19-1998
B)	Germany	DE 41 42 313 C2	Grell et al.	10-29-1998
C)	Germany	DE 198 48 624 A1	Becker	04-29-1999
D)	Germany	DE 195 25 965 A1	Welter	01-23-1997
E)	Germany	DE 43 32 028	Giese	03-23-1995
F)	Germany	DE 43 30 641 A1	Grell et al.	03-16-1995
G)	Germany	DE 41 25 585 A1	Grell et al.	04-30-1992

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

☒ [X] This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the German Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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